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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 October 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is issued in response to applicant filed request for continued examination (RCE) on 10/07/2008.
2. Claims 1, and 11 have been amended. No claims were added. Claims 21 – 35 were canceled.
3. Claims 1 – 20 are pending in this application.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, and 11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The new grounds are with respect to 35 USC § 101 rejections.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

5. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/11/2006 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

7. Claims 1- 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The limitation: "...to operate independently and without issuer instruction with regard to said smart car feature" recited in claims 1, and 11 is not supported in the specification of the disclosure.

8. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

9. Claims 11 – 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The limitation "enabling", recited in claim 11, is indirect, suggest optionally, and passive which renders any recitation claimed after not be given patentable weight.

Therefore, it is unclear what Applicant intended metes and bounds of the claims are, since the claims appear to cover anything and everything that does not prohibit actions from occurring.

Office personnel must rely on the applicant's disclosure to properly determine the meaning of "enabling" in the claims. Limitations appearing in the specification but not recited in the claim are not read into the claim; therefore, in this case, the recitation of "enabling" as interpreted in light of the specification provide the "functionality" or "the capability" of the system to perform the steps without definite disclosure limiting or excluding any alternative, negative, or even all together suggest actually performing or implementing the functionality that is database management system is capable of.

Therefore, any cited art that teaches the steps otherwise in the alternative can be used to reject the instant application. The computer being enabled to perform a function does not mean that it will ever actually perform that functionality (i.e. "enabling" should be clarified and changed to a more definite term).

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

10. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

11. Claims 1 – 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 1 recites a "method for automating the personalization of a batch of smart cards..." However, this method/process fails to: (1) tied to another statutory class (such as a particular apparatus) and (2) transform underlying subject matter (such as an article or materials) to a different state or thing (*Diamond v. Diehr*, 450 U.S. 175, 184 (1981); *Parker v. Flook*, 437 U.S. 584, 588 n.9 (1978); *Gottschalk v. Benson*, 409 U.S. 63, 70 (1972); *Cochrane v. Deener*, 94 U.S. 780, 787-88 (1876). Therefore, the method recited in claim 1 is not patentable eligible processes under 35 USC § 101 since it is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

12. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

13. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to

consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

14. Claim 1 – 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tushie et al. (Tushie hereinafter) (US Patent No. 6,014,748), in view of Harms et al. (Harms hereinafter) (US Patent No. 6,070,147), and further in view of Anderson et al. (Anderson hereinafter) (US 5,884,289).

Regarding Claim 1, Tushie discloses a method for automating the personalization of a batch of smart cards (Col. 5 and 6, lines 66 – 67 and 1 – 5, Tushie), comprising:

executing a personalization assistant tool (Col. 2, lines 38 – 40, Tushie), said software tool including a default member profile having default values for smart card features (Col. 2 and 18, lines 39 – 40 and 5 – 24, "The card framework template record describes the structure of the chip on the card. In the sample shown below, the \$MF entry defines a root directory (3F00), while \$DF entries define a medical application (5F20), and an accounting application (5F10). Within each directory are application-specific files defined by \$EF entries, such as 6F00 containing the account name and 6F10 containing the account number. All file descriptive data resides in the card framework template and is referenced at various times during the smart card issuing process", wherein the card framework template record corresponds to the default member profile claimed; and wherein entries, such as, account name and account

number correspond to the default values for smart card features; Col. 2, lines 54 – 59; Col. 8, lines 48 – 51; Col. 14, lines 3 – 5; Col. 17, lines 9 – 12; and Col. 14, lines 22 – 33, Tushie).

Furthermore, Tushie also discloses a method and system for receiving smart card feature information (Page 6, lines 40 – 46, Tushie) that was previously entered into a cardholder database management system by a user (Fig. 1B, item 152, Page 7, lines 48 – 59, Tushie). In addition, Tushie discloses that the smart card personalization system will create smart cards according to the information received from alternate inputs (Col. 6, lines 54 – 56, Tushie) and from a software tool (Fig. 1A, item 150, Card Issuer Mgmt System, Page 9, lines 23 – 26 and 33 – 38; respectively, Tushie). However, Tushie does not expressly disclose the details on how the user enters such smart card information into the system. On the other hand, Harms discloses computer instructions for providing a user with a plurality of queries regarding said smart card features (Col. 5, lines 17 – 24 and 36 – 40; respectively, “the retail clerk (or consumer) can manually key-in the desired information from the card by following prompts displayed by the identification terminal, Harms), said queries originating from said software tool (Col. 5, lines 1 – 5; “...the identification terminal 15 could be integrated into a single reader...”, Harms); receiving from the user responses to the plurality of queries, said responses being received by said software tool (Col. 5, lines 17 – 24 and 49 – 51, “... the identification information gathered by the identification terminal 15...”, Harms¹);

¹ To further clarify, see for example Harms, Col. 5, lines 36 – 40, “the retail clerk (or the consumer) can manually key-in the **desired information from the card** by following prompts displayed by the terminal”. Wherein it is clear from this paragraph that “the desired information” being entered is information from “the card”; thus it is in regards to smart card features.

matching each of said responses with an output data value, said matching being performed by said software tool (Col. 9, lines 41 – 46; Harms). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Harms as a method for users to enter personalized information in the Tushie system at Fig. 1B, item 152, Card Holder Data, to the smart card personalization system of Tushie. Skilled artisan would have been motivated to do so, as suggested by Harms (Col. 3, lines 44 – 45, Harms), to provide a customer-friendly and sustainable approach.

The Tushie in view of Harms combination (Tushie/Harms hereinafter) also discloses:

modifying said default member profile using said matched output data values (Col. 9, lines 40 – 50, wherein the record corresponds to the default member profile claimed; and wherein the step of updating the record with the new transaction corresponds to the step of modifying as claimed; Harms); and

generating a personalization data file from a plurality of modified default member profiles (Fig. 5, "Joe Smith" and "Kathleen King", Col. 7, lines 3 – 11; wherein the Figure shows plurality of modified default member profiles for two consumers for example, "Joe Smith" and "Kathleen King" Harms) and a plurality of sets of said output data values (Col. 7 and 9, lines 11 – 21 and 61 – 67; respectively Harms), wherein the plurality of sets of said output data values used to generate said personalization data file is used to provide said smart card features on each smart card in said batch of smart cards for a

plurality of users wherein said batch of smart cards is personalized with respect to the plurality of users (Col.6 and 9, lines 42 – 47 and 33 – 38; respectively, "... The smart card personalization system 100 receives data from a card issuer management system 150 (typically proprietary to the card issuer), translates the data into a data stream, and outputs the data stream to personalization equipment 130 which personalizes the smart cards 160..."; Tushie; and Col. 5, lines 41 – 47, Harms).

Furthermore, Tushie/Harms discloses: said smart cards features including account instructions associated with account (Col. 4, lines 30 – 41, Harms) and low-value payment instruction for rapid transaction processing (Col. 12, lines 3 – 9, Harms).

However, Tushie/Harms does not explicitly disclose that said smart card features include account usage, and authorization control instructions relating to risk management. On the other hand, Anderson discloses smart card features including: account instructions associated with account usage, and authorization control instructions relating to risk management checks ([57], Abstract, Col. 7, lines 55 – 60, "allowing the card issuer to limit the on-going losses on that card"; Col. 8, lines 35 – 42; "i. All ATM/POS transactions (approved or declined) for sample cards going back for a period of time (e.g., 3 months)", wherein for example "3 months" is part of the usage information as claimed; Anderson). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the Anderson's teachings to the system Tushie/Harms. Skilled artisan would have been motivated to do so, as suggested by Anderson ([57], Abstract, Anderson), to identify "at risk" cards in the

criminal's possession which have not yet been used, and to limit the losses to individual financial institutions and the financial institution community at large.

Furthermore, the Tushie in view of Harms and further in view of Anderson combination (Tushie/Harms/Anderson hereinafter) discloses:

wherein each of said smart card features and its corresponding output data value configures a smart card to operate independently and without issuer instruction with regard to said each smart card feature (Col. 14, lines 33 – 45, “As with other computer-based application programs, a card application processes data from external sources such as an automatic teller machine or internal sources such as data files encoded into the microprocessor's memory. Using the smart card causes the appropriate application to be executed by the microprocessor and the application, in turn, accesses the internal files to retrieve or store data”, Tushie; and Col. 11, lines 22 – 35, Harms).

Regarding Claim 2, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a method, further comprising using individual cardholder input files and the personalization data file to personalize a plurality of smart cards to yield a plurality of personalized smart cards (Col. 2, lines 46 – 54, Tushie; and Col. 4, and 5, lines 47 – 54 and 49 – 51; respectively, Harms).

Regarding Claim 3, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a method, wherein the generating a personalization data file, comprises:

providing a look up table with entries for various combinations of responses to the plurality of queries (Fig. 5, Col. 9, lines 36 – 41, Harms);

finding a matching entry in the look up table that matches the responses to the plurality of queries (Fig. 5, Col. 9, lines 41 – 45, Harms);

locating personalization data file output associated with the matching entry (Fig. 5, Col. 9, lines 41 – 45, Harms); and

outputting the personalization data file output associated with the matching entry (Col. 11, lines 50 – 55, Harms).

Regarding Claim 4, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a method, wherein the plurality of queries, comprise:

at least one query regarding smart card account usage control (Col. 4, lines 30 – 41, Harms; and [57], Abstract, Anderson);

at least one query regarding smart card account risk management ([57], Abstract, Anderson); and

at least one query regarding offline limits and thresholds (Col. 5, lines 19 – 24, Harms).

Regarding Claim 5, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a method, wherein responses to the plurality of queries are used to provide best practices recommendations (Col. 11, lines 45 – 50, Harms).

Regarding Claim 6, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a method, further comprising providing regional profiles and subregional profiles, wherein a subregion is within a region, wherein the regional and subregional profiles have mandatory and recommended settings, wherein some of the subregional profiles are more stringent than regional profiles in which the subregions belong (Col. 7, lines 14 – 21 and 58 – 63, Harms).

Regarding Claim 7, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a method, wherein the generating a personalization data file, comprises:

providing a look up table with entries for various combinations of responses to the plurality of queries (Fig. 5, Col. 9, lines 36 – 41, Harms);

finding a matching entry in the look up table that matches the responses to the plurality of queries (Fig. 5, Col. 9, lines 41 – 45, Harms);

locating personalization data file output associated with the matching entry (Fig. 5, Col. 9, lines 41 – 45, Harms); and

outputting the personalization data file output associated with the matching entry (Col. 11, lines 50 – 55, Harms).

Regarding Claim 8, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a method, wherein the plurality of queries, comprise:

at least one query regarding smart card account usage control (Col. 4, lines 30 – 41, Harms; and [57], Abstract, Anderson);

at least one query regarding smart card account risk management ([57], Abstract, Anderson); and

at least one query regarding offline limits and thresholds (Col. 5, lines 19 – 24, Harms).

Regarding Claim 9, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a method, further comprising computer instructions for using responses to the plurality of queries to provide best practices recommendations (Col. 11, lines 45 – 50, Harms).

Regarding Claim 10, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a method, further comprising providing regional profiles and subregional profiles, wherein a subregion is within a region, wherein the regional and subregional profiles have mandatory and recommended settings, wherein some of the subregional profiles are more stringent than regional profiles in which the subregions belong (Col. 7, lines 14 – 21 and 58 – 63, Harms).

Regarding Claim 11, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a computer implemented method for automating the personalization of a batch of smart cards (Col. 5 and 6, lines 66 – 67 and 1 – 5, Tushie), comprising:

running on a host computer a personalization assistant software application (Col. 2 and 6, lines 38 – 40 and 57 – 58; respectively, Tushie), said software application including a default member profile having default values for smart card features (Col. 2

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and 18, lines 39 – 40 and 5 – 24, “The card framework template record describes the structure of the chip on the card. In the sample shown below, the \$MF entry defines a root directory (3F00), while \$DF entries define a medical application (5F20), and an accounting application (5F10). Within each directory are application-specific files defined by \$EF entries, such as 6F00 containing the account name and 6F10 containing the account number. All file descriptive data resides in the card framework template and is referenced at various times during the smart card issuing process”, wherein the card framework template record corresponds to the default member profile claimed; and wherein entries, such as, account name and account number correspond to the default values for smart card features; Col. 2, lines 54 – 59; Col. 8, lines 48 – 51; Col. 14, lines 3 – 5; Col. 17, lines 9 – 12; and Col. 14, lines 22 – 33, Tushie), said smart card features including account instructions associated with account usage (Col. 4, lines 30 – 41, Harms; and [57], Abstract, Col. 7, lines 55 – 60, “allowing the card issuer to limit the on-going losses on that card”; Col. 8, lines 35 – 42; “i. All ATM/POS transactions (approved or declined) for sample cards going back for a period of time (e.g., 3 months)”, wherein for example “3 months” is part of the usage information as claimed; Anderson), authorization control instructions relating to risk management checks ([57], Abstract, Col. 7, lines 55 – 60, “allowing the card issuer to limit the on-going losses on that card”; Col. 8, lines 35 – 42; “i. All ATM/POS transactions (approved or declined) for sample cards going back for a period of time (e.g., 3 months)”, Anderson), and low-value payment instructions for rapid transaction processing (Col. 12, lines 3 – 9, Harms);

providing to at least one user system over a network a plurality of queries regarding smart card features (Col. 5, lines 17 – 24, Harms), said queries originating from said software application (Col. 5, lines 1 – 5; “...the identification terminal 15 could be integrated into a single reader...”, Harms, and also see - Col. 5, lines 17 – 24 and 36 – 40; respectively, “the retail clerk (or consumer) can manually key-in the desired information from the card by following prompts displayed by the identification terminal, Harms);

receiving from the at least one user system over the network responses to the plurality of queries, said responses being received by said software application tool (Col. 5, lines 17 – 24 and 49 – 51, “... the identification information gathered by the identification terminal 15...”, Harms²);

matching each of said responses with an output data value, said matching being performed by said software tool (Col. 9, lines 41 – 46; Harms);

modifying said default member profile using said matched output data values (Col. 9, lines 44 – 50, Harms); and

generating a personalization data file from said default member profile and said output data values (Col. 9, lines 61 – 67, Harms), wherein the output data values of said personalization data file is used to provide said smart card features on said batch of

² To further clarify, see for example Harms, Col. 5, lines 36 – 40, “the retail clerk (or the consumer) can manually key-in the **desired information from the card** by following prompts displayed by the terminal”. Wherein it is clear from this paragraph that “the desired information” being entered is information from “the card”; thus it is in regards to smart card features.

smart card when said batch of smart cards is personalized (Col. 9, lines 33 – 38, Tushie; and Col. 5, lines 41 – 47, Harms); and

generating a smart card utilizing each of said smart card feature and its corresponding output data value, thereby enabling the smart card to operate independently and without issuer instruction with regard to said each smart card feature (Col. 14, lines 33 – 45, "As with other computer-based application programs, a card application processes data from external sources such as an automatic teller machine or internal sources such as data files encoded into the microprocessor's memory. Using the smart card causes the appropriate application to be executed by the microprocessor and the application, in turn, accesses the internal files to retrieve or store data", Tushie; and Col. 11, lines 22 – 35, Harms.

Regarding Claim 12, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a computer implemented method, further comprising:

sending the personalization data file to a preparation processing device (Fig. 1A, item 100 and 150, Col. 6, lines 42 – 46, Tushie; and Col. 6, lines 32 – 35, Harms); and

using the personalization data file and cardholder input files to personalize smart cards (Fig. 1A, items 130 and 160, Col. 6, lines 45 – 47, Tushie).

Regarding Claim 13, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a computer implemented method, wherein the generating a personalization data file, comprises:

providing a look up table with entries for various combinations of responses to the plurality of queries (Fig. 5, Col. 9, lines 36 – 41, Harms);

finding a matching entry in the look up table that matches the responses to the plurality of queries (Fig. 5, Col. 9, lines 41 – 45, Harms);

locating personalization data file output associated with the matching entry (Fig. 5, Col. 9, lines 41 – 45, Harms); and

outputting the personalization data file output associated to the matching entry (Col. 11, lines 50 – 55, Harms).

Regarding Claim 14, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a computer implemented method, wherein the plurality of queries, comprise:

at least one query regarding smart card account usage control (Col. 4, lines 30 – 41, Harms; and [57], Abstract, Anderson);

at least one query regarding smart card account risk management ([57], Abstract, Anderson); and

at least one query regarding offline limits and thresholds (Col. 5, lines 19 – 24, Harms).

Regarding Claim 15, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a computer implemented method, wherein responses to the plurality of queries are used to provide best practices recommendations (Col. 11, lines 45 – 50, Harms).

Regarding Claim 16, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a computer implemented method, further comprising providing regional profiles and subregional profiles, wherein a subregion is within a region, wherein the regional and subregional profiles have mandatory and recommended settings, wherein some of the subregional profiles are more stringent than regional profiles in which the subregions belong (Col. 7, lines 14 – 21 and 58 – 63, Harms).

Regarding Claim 17, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a computer implemented method, wherein the generating a personalization data file, comprises:

providing a look up table with entries for various combinations of responses to the plurality of queries (Fig. 5, Col. 9, lines 36 – 41, Harms);

finding a matching entry in the look up table that matches the responses to the plurality of queries (Fig. 5, Col. 9, lines 41 – 45, Harms);

locating personalization data file output associated with the matching entry (Fig. 5, Col. 9, lines 41 – 45, Harms);
and

outputting the personalization data file output associated to the matching entry (Col. 11, lines 50 – 55, Harms).

Regarding Claim 18, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a computer implemented method, wherein the plurality of queries, comprise:

at least one query regarding smart card account usage control (Col. 4, lines 30 – 41, Harms; and [57], Abstract, Anderson);

at least one query regarding smart card account risk management ([57], Abstract, Anderson); and

at least one query regarding offline limits and thresholds (Col. 5, lines 19 – 24, Harms).

Regarding Claim 19, Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a computer implemented method, wherein responses to the plurality of queries are used to provide best practices recommendations (Col. 11, lines 45 – 50, Harms).

Regarding Claim 20 Tushie/Harms/Anderson discloses a computer implemented method, further comprising providing regional profiles and subregional profiles, wherein a subregion is within a region, wherein the regional and subregional profiles have mandatory and recommended settings, wherein some of the subregional profiles are more stringent than regional profiles in which the subregions belong (Col. 7, lines 14 – 21 and 58 – 63, Harms).

Response to Arguments

15. Applicant argues that the applied fails to disclose; “an account usage feature”.

Examiner respectfully disagrees. Tushie/Harms/Anderson does disclose: an account usage feature (Col. 4, lines 30 – 41, Harms; and [57], Abstract, Col. 7, lines 55

– 60, “allowing the card issuer to limit the on-going losses on that card”; Col. 8, lines 35 – 42; “i. All ATM/POS **transactions (approved or declined) for sample cards going back for a period of time (e.g., 3 months)**”, wherein for example “3 months” is part of the usage information as claimed; Anderson).

16. Applicant argues that; “The account number, account name, and other data relating to a cardholder’s account are not default values for smart card features”.

Examiner respectfully disagrees. Tushie/Harms/Anderson does disclose: a default member profile having default values for smart card features (Col. 2 and 18, lines 39 – 40 and 5 – 24, “The card framework template record describes the structure of the chip on the card. In the sample shown below, the \$MF entry defines a root directory (3F00), while \$DF entries define a medical application (5F20), and an accounting application (5F10). Within each directory are application-specific files defined by \$EF entries, such as 6F00 containing the account name and 6F10 containing the account number. All file descriptive data resides in the card framework template and is referenced at various times during the smart card issuing process”, wherein the card framework template record corresponds to the default member profile claimed; and wherein entries, such as, account name and account number correspond to the default values for smart card features; and Col. 2, lines 54 – 59; Col. 8, lines 48 – 51; Col. 14, lines 3 – 5; Col. 17, lines 9 – 12; Col. 14, lines 22 – 33, Tushie).

Points of Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GIOVANNA COLAN whose telephone number is (571)272-2752. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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